

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. 09/886,659	
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOGICALLY EXPANDING THE LENGTH OF A SEARCH KEY	
Inventor: David A. Brown	Confirmation No. 4746
Filing Date: June 21, 2001	Examiner: Kristie D. Shingles
Attorney Docket No.: 42923/905	Group Art Unit: 2448

COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

The Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statements of Reasons for Allowance of the above-referenced patent application and agrees that the claimed subject matter is patentable. However, the Applicant takes no position regarding the Reasons for Allowance presented by the Examiner other than the positions the Applicant may have previously taken during prosecution. Therefore, the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance should not be attributed to the Applicant as an indication of the basis for the Applicant's belief that the claims are patentable. To the extent that the Reasons for Allowance summarize or paraphrase the claims, the Applicant respectfully submits that the meaning and scope of the claims depend on the actual language of the claims. Furthermore, to the extent that the Reasons for Allowance refer to only selected portions of a claim, the Applicant points out that the claims may contain additional limitations other than the ones mentioned in the Reasons for Allowance, and that patentability is measured against a claim as a whole, not just selected limitations. Other limitations alone or in combination may provide distinguishing aspects over the prior art. To the extent that the Reasons for Allowance suggest that the mentioned limitations have any special prominence, the Applicant respectfully disagrees. In addition, the dependent claims may include additional limitations that may also provide further reasons for patentability. Finally, the Applicant respectfully asserts that there may also be additional reasons for patentability of the claimed subject matter not explicitly stated in this record and

the Applicant does not waive its rights to such arguments by not further addressing such reasons herein.

Respectfully submitted,

SAtch Group A.B. Limited Liability Company

Date: 2011 Apr. 1

By: MCPhillips

Matthew C. Phillips
Registration No. 43,403